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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2001–02 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1010

Introduced by Assembly Member Dutra

February 23, 2001

An act to amend Section 1656.4 of the Vehicle Code, relating to vehicles.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1010, as amended, Dutra. Motor vehicles: consumer affairs.

Existing law governing the Department of Motor Vehicles requires the department to make available on its Internet Web site specified consumer protection contact information, to assist consumers who plan to purchase a vehicle or who have purchased a vehicle. Existing law provides that, upon appropriation by the Legislature, money from the Consumer Fraud Protection Program Fund shall be available for the consumer protection activities of the department, including, but not limited to, expenditures by the department to finance these Internet Web site obligations.

This bill would expand the consumer information provided under that law to include contact information for government, law enforcement, and consumer agencies that assist victims of identity theft. This bill would require that the same consumer protection information required by these laws to be available on the Internet also be available *in printed form* at department field offices, and would

eliminate a requirement that the existing Internet obligations be fulfilled on or before July 1, 1997.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 1656.4 of the Vehicle Code is amended
2 to read:
3 1656.4. (a) The department, in consultation with the
4 Department of Consumer Affairs, shall make available on its
5 Internet Web site, and *in printed form* at its field offices,
6 information to assist consumers who plan to purchase a vehicle or
7 who have purchased a vehicle. The information shall, at a
8 minimum, contain the names, addresses, electronic addresses, and
9 telephone numbers of all of the following:
10 (1) State and federal government agencies that deal with
11 consumer affairs and vehicles.
12 (2) Vehicle arbitration services.
13 (3) Consumer organizations that provide information and
14 direct assistance to consumers with vehicle concerns.
15 (4) Government agencies, law enforcement agencies, and
16 consumer organizations that assist victims of identity theft.
17 (b) Money deposited in the Consumer Fraud Protection
18 Program Fund shall be available, upon appropriation by the
19 Legislature, for the consumer protection activities of the
20 department, including, but not limited to, expenditures by the
21 department to comply with the requirements specified in
22 subdivision (a).

